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Creation of Employment Opportunities
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data about creation of employment opportunities in the country during the current Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the targets set for this purpose and the achievement made in this regard; and

(d) steps taken by the Government to eliminate unemployment in this country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) to (c): The 12th Five Year Plan (2007-2012) projects 5 crore new work opportunities to be generated in the non-farm sector and provide skill certification to equivalent numbers. Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment trends are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics &Programme Implementation. According to the last 3 surveys, the workforce grew from 45.91 crore in 2004-05 to 46.55 crore persons in 2009-10 and to 47.41 crore persons in 2011-12 and the sector-wise employment is given below:-

(In crore persons)

Workforce by Major Sector	2004-05	2009-10	2011-12
Agriculture & Allied	26.83	24.74	23.18
Industry	8.35	10.00	11.50
Services	10.73	11.81	12.73
Total Workforce	45.91	46.55	47.41

The estimates of workforce by major sectors show an increase in the overall level of employment with an increase in the industry and services sector. The unemployment levels marginally increased from 0.95 crore during 2009-10 to 1.06 crore in 2011-12.

(d): Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) run by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation.

Government has also decided to strategically promote labour-intensive manufacturing and expand employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries.

For skilling to provide employment, a new Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has been established to coordinate the skill activities across Ministries. In order to improve the employability of youth, around 20 Ministries run skill development schemes across 70 sectors. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), about 51.50 lakh persons were given skill development training in the year 2014-15 (upto Feb., 2015) under these schemes.

In order to facilitate online matching of jobs and provide information about opportunities for training and re-skilling, Ministry of Labour has launched the National Career Service Portal for transforming the employment services in the country.

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